

Time	Conference	Description
<p>8:30 AM - 3:00 PM</p> <p>Room: Arnold</p>	<p>Maine Christmas Tree Association</p> <p>Host: Maine Christmas Tree Association</p>	<p>Annual Meeting with educational presentations.</p>
<p>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Room: Kennebec/Penobscot</p>	<p>Sprayer Calibration</p> <p>Host: Board of Pesticides Control</p>	<p>Speaker: George Hamilton</p> <p>CEU: Pesticide</p>
<p>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM</p> <p>Room: Androscoggin/Aroostook</p>	<p>MFT Cost Accounting Program - FarmCalc</p> <p>Host: Maine Farmland Trust</p>	<p>Come learn about FarmCalc, a free program to help farmers directly compare their costs and profits between types of crops and products, and help with business goals. View the online tool.</p>
<p>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>Room: Howard</p>	<p>Dairy Programming</p> <p>Host: UMCE, MCG</p>	<p>UMaine Extension Livestock and Forage Updates.</p> <p>CEU: Pesticide</p>
<p>9:00 AM - 5:00 PM</p> <p>Room: Ft. Western</p>	<p>Maine Vegetable & Small Fruit Growers</p> <p>Host: Maine Vegetable & Small Fruit Growers</p>	<p>Veggie and fruit growing information</p> <p>CEU: Pesticide</p>
<p>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc</p>	<p>Insurance & Retirement Benefits for Employees</p> <p>Host: MOFGA</p>	<p>Have you wondered about offering insurance to your farm employees, or retirement accounts, and more? Come join a discussion of what benefit package options and considerations there are for farmers to offer to their workers. Topics to consider include short-term disability insurance options,</p>

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		long-term disability, retirement accounts, and other benefits for Maine farmworkers.
<p>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Room: Somerset</p>	<p>Maine Course</p> <p>Host: Sodexo</p>	<p>We will discuss the Maine Course program and what local products we are searching for the attendees might be interested in providing to use.</p>
<p>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</p> <p>Room: Auditorium Main Stage</p>	<p>Ag Education</p> <p>Host: Maine Ag in the Classroom</p>	<p>Your AG License Plate Funding "Driving" Agriculture Education Forward!</p>
<p>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</p> <p>Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc</p>	<p>Review your QuickBooks Set-up for your Farm</p> <p>Host: MOFGA</p>	<p>Recommendations to set up QB Chart of Accounts (COA), and why -including an overview of financial reports (P&L and Balance Sheet) and how COA is used to make farm business decisions, pinpoint concerns, justify changes, address shortfalls, etc.</p>
<p>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</p> <p>Room: Lincoln/Oxford</p>	<p>Managing Animal Mortalities through Composting and Utilization of the Final Product</p> <p>Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry</p>	<p>Qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit.</p> <p>Mark A. King, Organics Management Specialist, Division of Materials Management, Maine Department of Environmental Protection; & Mark F. Hedrich, Nutrient Management Program Manager, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.</p> <p>CEU: Pesticide</p>
<p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>Room: Somerset</p>	<p>Pesticides and Policy: Navigating Changes</p> <p>Host: Maine Farm Bureau</p>	<p>Pesticides and Policy: Navigating Changes Federal, State and municipal policy have a significant impact on how pesticides can be used. Our panel of experts will discuss some of the recent changes that have impeded access to safe and effective crop tools and the efforts that are needed to better educate the public.</p>

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<p>10:15 AM - 11:15 AM</p> <p>Room: Kennebec/Penobscot</p>	<p>Bt Corn</p> <p>Host: Board of Pesticides Control</p>	<p>Speaker: Jon Jemison</p> <p>CEU: Pesticide</p>
<p>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc</p>	<p>Maine Organic Milk Producers Meeting and recap of Dairy Day</p> <p>Host: MOFGA, Maine Organic Milk Producers</p>	<p>MOMP meeting about Maine organic dairying developments, followed by reviewing Dr. Meggan Hain's presentation about livestock welfare benchmarks within the industry, and Levi Cahan's presentation on how water quality affects our farm systems, from animal health to equipment.</p>
<p>11:30 AM - 12:30 PM</p> <p>Room: Kennebec/Penobscot</p>	<p>BPC Update - Drift</p> <p>Host: Board of Pesticides Control</p>	<p>Speaker: John Pietroski</p> <p>CEU: Pesticide</p>
<p>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM</p> <p>Room: Auditorium Main Stage</p>	<p>Maine Farm Ingredients - Cheese</p> <p>Host: Maine Cheese Guild</p>	<p>Maine cheeses - cutting and wrapping demonstration</p>
<p>12:00 PM - 5:00 PM</p> <p>Room: Washington/York</p>	<p>A conversation on climate and agriculture in Maine</p> <p>Host: MECAN</p>	<p>Maine Climate and Agriculture Network (MECAN) is a group organized through the University of Maine to address the impacts of climate and weather on agriculture. Our theme is drought management, and will include talks on drought climatology, weather/climate decision tools, and shallow wells for irrigation, followed by a panel discussion where producers will share their experiences managing drought.</p>
<p>1:00 PM - 2:00 PM</p>	<p>BPC Update - PFAS</p>	<p>Speaker: Pam Bryer</p>

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1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Howard	Dairy Programming Host: Maine Cheese Guild	Supporting cheesemaking and growth in Maine.
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	Fertility Management with Cover Crops Host: MOFGA	Highlighting how cover crops capture nutrients to prevent them from leaving the system, and the nuances of managing legume cover crops for maximum nitrogen fixation. We'll discuss planting and termination timing, seeding rates, and species selection to maximize your fertility management with cover crops.
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Waldo	ESE Trustees Meeting Host: ESE Trustees	The annual winter meeting of the trustees.
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Room: Somerset	Shaping Public Policy: Listening and Learning from Farmers' Experience Host: Maine Farmland Trust, Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, Coastal Enterprises, Maine Farm Bureau, Maine DACF	You probably have noticed how decisions made in Augusta, ME and Washington, DC affect day-to-day operations on your farm. Public policy shapes the resources that are available to farmers, which lands are protected and how, agricultural markets, and our food system. Come share your ideas for how state and federal policy can respond to farmers' experiences and best meet your needs! This session is an opportunity for farmers and industry associations to hear from participating state organizations about their policy ideas and priorities as well as to share your own ideas.
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Organic Certification Information Session	MOFGA Certification Services (MCS) as we discuss the basics of USDA organic certification and MCS' accredited

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Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	Host: MOFGA	program. The session will include a Q&A, so participants are encouraged to come with questions! If you are an existing farmer or food producer looking to transition some or all of your operation to certified organic, or a beginner wanting to learn more, this session is for you. For more information about MOFGA Certified Organic, please visit our website at mofgacertification.org .
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Room: Hancock	Annual Maine Winery Guild Meeting Host: Maine Winery Guild	Annual membership meeting and presentation.
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Room: Lincoln/Oxford	Compost, if it's not fertilizer then what is it? Host: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Qualifies for 1 Nutrient Management Recertification Credit. Nick Rowley, Sustainable Agriculture and Horticulture Professional, University of Maine Cooperative Extension CEU: Nutrient Management
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM Room: Kennebec/Penobscot	Invasive Plants, Worms, Insects and Diseases Host: Board of Pesticides Control	New rules and the latest status. Speaker: Gary Fish CEU: Pesticide
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM Room: Piscataquis/Sagadahoc	Organic IPM for new and upcoming invasive pests Maine: Who they are, when to worry,	Invasive organisms and native organisms newly emergent as pests pose difficult and constantly evolving challenges to farmers. This talk will cover the biology, impacts, and management of 5 key new and

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	<p>and what to do</p> <p>Host: MOFGA</p>	<p>emerging pests in Maine and New England: Swede midge, Cabbage whitefly, Leek moth, Allium leaf miner, and Spotted lanternfly.</p>
<p>3:15 PM - 4:15 PM</p> <p>Room: Kennebec/Penobscot</p>	<p>BPC Update - Rules, Regulations, and Enforcement</p> <p>Host: Board of Pesticides Control</p>	<p>Speakers: Karla Boyd/Alex Peacock</p> <p>CEU: Pesticide</p>